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## A Better Approach

If direct negotiations in the Anglo-Egyptian dispute are reopened this week the welcome development can be considered a personal achievement on the part of Mr Aly Maher Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister. It means that not only has he convinced the British Government of his good faith, but has succeeded in the delicate task of winning support from the highly sensitive and critical Opposition parties in Egypt. Both factors are of paramount importance. The Premier's initiative merits commendation, more especially as it has taken the form of conciliation and aims at making possible an amicable and mutually satisfactory settlement. Maher Pasha is reported to have worked out a formula which he hopes Britain will find acceptable as a basis for discussion. It suggests the complete evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal within a year; unity of the Sudan under the Egyptian Crown with a three-year transitional period in which the Sudanese would take over the administration of their country under United Nations supervision; a regional pact within the framework of the UN Charter for the defence of the Middle East, which would include all the seven member States of the Arab League security pact, together with neighbouring countries, with Egypt in command.

THE Egyptian Premier can be credited with adroitness. His first two propositions are wholly in line with Egyptian national aspirations, but modified in such a manner as to warrant consideration, while the third point clearly indicates that Egypt is prepared to agree, at least in principle, to be associated with a Middle East defence scheme. To Britain the question of the eventual withdrawal of troops from the Suez Canal Zone is inextricably bound up with the conclusion of a Middle East defence pact to which Egypt must be a signatory. Maher Pasha's proposals, as known at present, certainly provide some common ground for negotiations. The important change in the Egyptian attitude is in emphasis. It is not merely national aspiration which the Egyptians are now prepared to discuss. Discernible in the Maher Pasha formula is recognition of responsibilities to the rest of the Middle East, and a tacit acknowledgement that Egypt cannot afford to stand alone against the potential danger of Communist aggression, both from within and without. It is this which Britain has been at some pains to make clear to Egypt. Not only are British and Egyptian interests at stake; the whole future stability and security of the Middle East are involved. The dispute between the two countries, therefore, cannot be settled along narrow lines governed by national aims and motives. Whatever new accord is reached must be wide enough to offer some guarantees to the whole of the free world against the sudden collapse of the Middle East before Communist aggression.

## "Handsome GI" Stages Hold-Ups

TOKYO, Feb. 25. Three robbers were committed on Sunday evening in Tokyo's back alleys in a matter of 25 minutes by a gun carrier described by the victim as "a handsome, young GI in uniform." The job of the lone robber was small and amateurish. It netted him only 10,000 yen or about \$40. In his first holdup, the man got away with \$30,000 yen (\$120).

# Vital NATO Decisions May Be Reached Today

## MEASURES TO RESTRAIN COMMUNISTS FROM OVERRUNNING EUROPE

LISBON, Feb. 24. The 14 Atlantic Allies on Sunday neared the end of their ninth session in almost complete agreement in the steps they will have to take to keep the Red armies of Communism from overrunning Europe.

Each of the steps, it became immediately apparent, would involve sacrifices by governments, by soldiers and, to an even greater extent, by taxpayers.

On the eve of Monday's adjournment, Foreign, Defence and Finance Ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) seemed sure to arrive at these four final decisions:

1. To provide approximately 50 combat-ready land divisions and 4,000 operational aircraft for European defence this year in addition to forces Greece and Turkey can make available.

2. To approve the general outlines of a plan partially drafted by France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux nations to merge their armies into a European defence force.

3. To create a board to make a detailed study of the Western world's needs for air fields, barracks, communications lines and other army-supporting facilities, and recommend how to share the cost of building them.

4. To streamline the NATO organisation itself and make it more efficient, or a pattern roughly like that of the United Nations Secretariat, instead of the present overlapping boards and committees.

The 14 Foreign Ministers will meet again on Monday morning with possibly another closing session in the afternoon. The Big Three—Secretary of State Dean Acheson, French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden—arranged to stay over until Tuesday for a conference on German and Austrian affairs.

The highlight of the ninth NATO Council session was the approval of the European Army scheme. This makes it possible for the plan's drafters to finish their treaty for a European Army that will have German soldiers back in uniform, and permit the fabulous Ruhr Valley industries to start again turning out munitions to help the West's defences.

The plans for a 50-division army this year were approved on Saturday in a vote by the Ministers accepting the report of Mr W. Averell Harriman's Temporary Council Committee (TCC) on the ability of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, of the Allied nations to share the defence buildup.

Military men attending the Lisbon conference say only about 45 to 50 divisions will be ready by the end of the year. Right now, General Dwight D. Eisenhower's Allied Command has less than 30 divisions either ready to fight or available on 15-day mobilisation. That means that 20 more divisions have to be recruited and armed in the next 10 months to meet the NATO goal.

4,000 AIRCRAFT

The NATO master plan also provides for 4,000 operational aircraft to be in the skies over Europe by the end of this year. Now there are less than 1,000 and most of those are US fighters and bombers stationed in England, Germany and France.

The council's decision at Lisbon made no mention of the military estimates of Allied effectiveness at this moment, except to say:

It was recognised that Allied strategic air power is already a powerful deterrent to aggression and in the event of attack would be a most valuable addition to the defence of Western Europe.

No mention was made of the ability of Allied land forces to hold any invasion. Communist forces might launch. Military men, however, are fearful that a defence on the Rhine would be impossible now and for some months to come.

One high authority put it right now the Reds could walk to Brittany (France's westernmost Atlantic shore), but by the

## Hypnotised Girl Recovering

SUNDERLAND, Feb. 24. Miss Elizabeth Yates, 18-year-old factory girl, who has been intermittently in a trance for nearly 100 hours, was said tonight to be "progressing satisfactorily."

After being hypnotised at a demonstration in a Sunderland cinema, Miss Yates fell asleep on Wednesday and was taken to hospital. She has wakened occasionally and then relapsed into unconsciousness.

A hospital official said yesterday: "We do not think her condition has much to do with hypnosis now. There appear to have been certain complications since." — Reuter.

## 16 BRAVE SEAMEN BACK IN PORT

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.

Sixteen brave seamen rode the storm-tossed half of a tanker into New York harbour as proudly as the crew of a superliner docking on its maiden voyage.

The old-looking stern of the galo-torn Fort Mchenry, whose bow is at the bottom of the Atlantic, was towed through Long Island Sound and down the East River through the back door to New York's west harbour. United Press.

REPORTED PROMISE

Today's weather: Moderate ENE winds. Fresh in exposed places and becoming fresh in most places later today. Overcast with patches of drizzle.

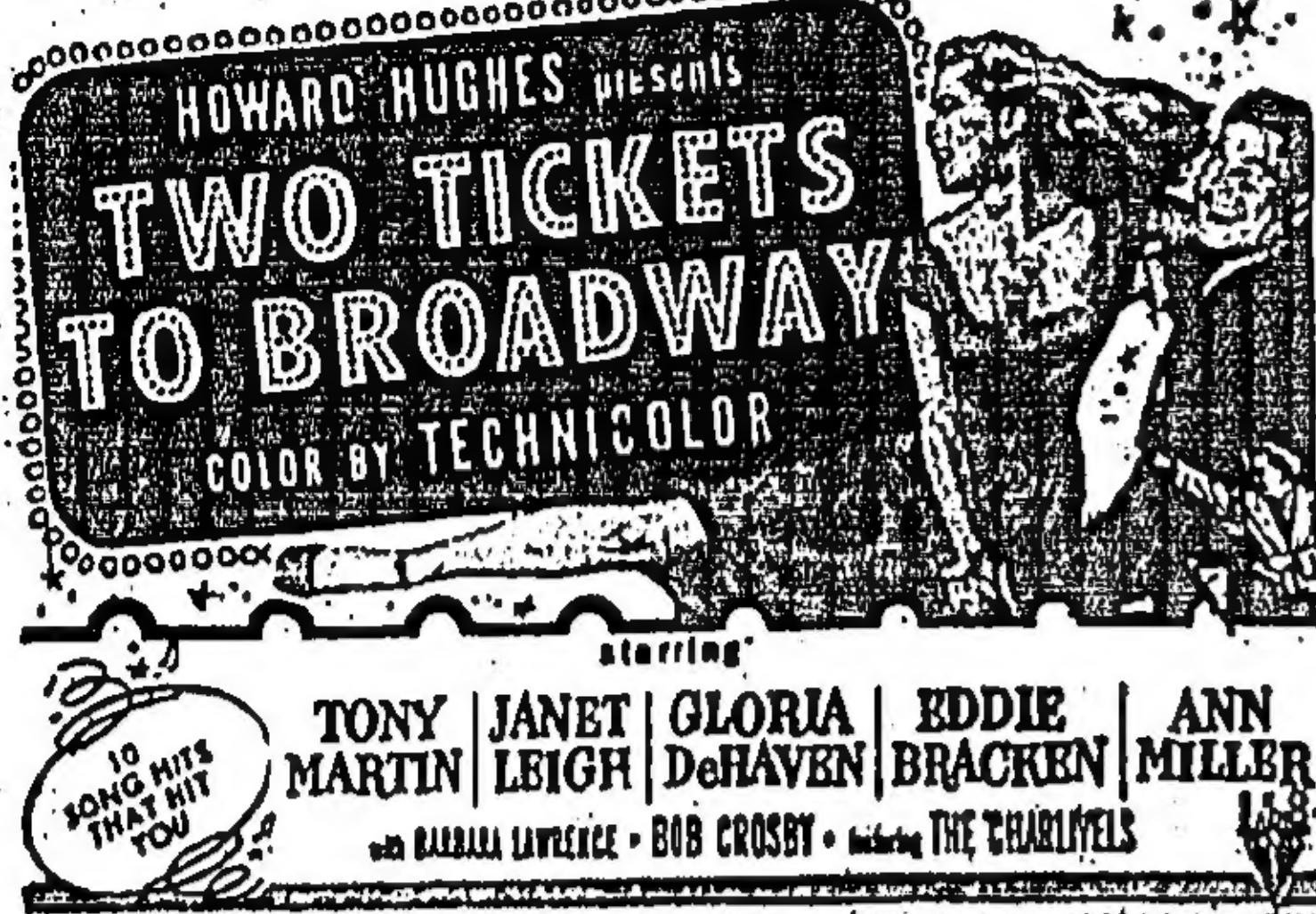
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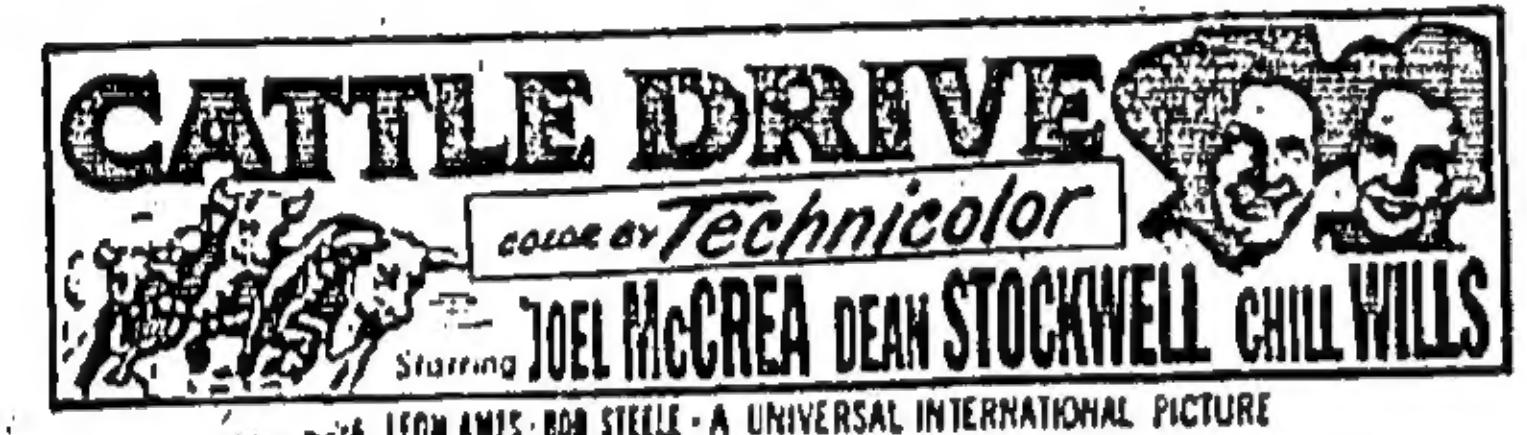
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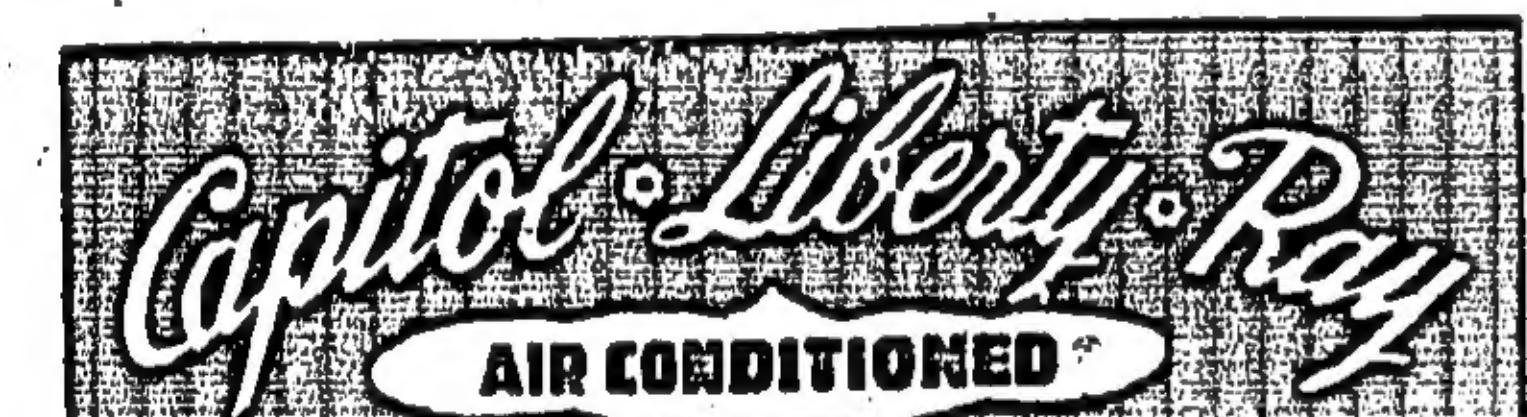
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Windsor, Feb. 24.  
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view the wreaths on display outside St. George's  
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Today was the last day  
the wreaths were on show  
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of people from all parts of  
Britain and from overseas  
have seen them since the  
late King was buried in  
the Royal vault under St.  
George's Chapel on  
February 15.—Reuter.

Yugoslavia  
Praised By  
U.S. Envoy  
WOULD PUT UP  
GOOD FIGHT

Washington, Feb. 24.  
The United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia, Mr. George Allen, said today that Yugoslavia had a tough army which would fight any Soviet satellite attacks effectively.

Mr. Allen added that this estimate of Yugoslavia's determination to defend itself "also seems to be the opinion of Mr. Josip Stalin".

Speaking on television, the Ambassador said that Yugoslavia, though a Communist country, had been firm with Moscow and its satellites ever since it split with the Cominform in June 1948. The split was as important in the international political field as the explosion of the atomic bomb.

"They have a tough army, one that has had much experience in fighting to defend its homeland," he continued. "Its mere existence now serves the cause of peace. In my opinion, and the opinion of most foreign observers in Belgrade, including diplomats and journalists, the Yugoslav Army would fight well, consistently and effectively, against any effort to subjugate the country."

Mr. Allen, home for consultations with the State Department, said the 1948 break between Russia and Yugoslavia had continually widened and deepened while Yugoslavia's relations with the West had steadily improved.

## A BULWARK

"Today the Yugoslav Army and people, stoutly resisting Soviet threats and pressures, stand as a bulwark of strength against aggression and thus buttress the whole European defence system," he added.

Marshal Tito, the Yugoslav leader, put his country's national independence ahead of basic Communist ideals.

But, despite his modification of the Soviet type of Communism, Yugoslavia remained Communist.

The envoy said that the United States, Britain and France were holding conferences here now to determine whether they would grant further co-ordinated economic aid to Yugoslavia.

Yugoslavia had been helping herself against great odds, he said. — United Press.

US Carrier Planes  
Destroy Red Craft

Seoul, Feb. 25.  
Allied bombers raked Communist rail lines on Sunday and bombed Red troop centres in clear weather.

Only artillery duels and minor patrol clashes broke the quiet on the battle front.

Delayed reports told of a heavy U.S. naval air action on Saturday off the battered northeast Korean port of Wonsan.

Far East Naval Headquarters said fighter-bombers from the carrier Essex destroyed 42 Red tanks around Wonsan. Two Skyraiders alone accounted for 30 of the sampans.

The Navy said it acted to forestall possible amphibious attacks on Allied-held islands off North Korea.

The North Korean war communiqué broadcast by Pyongyang radio said its forces sank a destroyer and a torpedo-boat which were part of an Allied fleet bombing Kilju Island north of Wonsan.

It said Communist anti-aircraft batteries shot down two Allied planes and damaged a third on Sunday.

There was no Allied confirmation of the Red claims.

In the air war, Australian Meteors jet planes recently razed the North Korean village of Chongjin.

Grave UN Warning To  
Europe On Serious  
Coal Supply Deficit

## Increased Output Vital

The United Nations Economic Commission published here today urged the reorganisation of existing European coal allocation schemes if any economic progress is to be made.

The report forecasts that in five years the European coal deficit will be around 50,000,000 tons unless new methods of increasing production are found.

Six years after World War I, in 1924, Britain produced 247,000,000 tons of coal but in 1951, six years after World War II, production dropped to 226,000,000 tons, the report says.

In Western Germany output is still below pre-war production for four main reasons:

1—Distorted age distribution of the mining labour force.

2—Appalling housing conditions in the Ruhr district.

3—Uncertainty over the ownership of the mines.

4—Propaganda against producing coal for export.

Of all these factors, the report says, only the first is outside human control.

Among the others, the housing shortage is probably the most important. On present plans this should be greatly relieved in the next two years.

The report recommended the exploitation of unused water resources to increase hydroelectric capacity and the replacement of obsolete combustion apparatus as a means of saving coal consumption.

THE ALTERNATIVE

On the main theme of Europe's coal problem the report said: "Governments of coal producing countries, if they are to help the economic progress of their neighbours, with which their own is bound up, will have to accustomed themselves to thinking of the export of coal as a purpose which may well deserve priority over the wasteful provision of electrical energy for space heating."

The Commission predicted that the achievement of Western Europe's industrial development plans—including increased arms production—would be hindered by the evergrowing shortage of coal.

The report urged vigorous government action both to discourage the wasteful use of high-grade coal and to accelerate coal production. If the Western governments failed to tackle the problem effectively, the Commission said, they would be faced with the alternative of a drastic lowering of production targets or an annual drain of \$600,000,000 by 1956 for purchases of American coal.

"Among the many commodity shortages which have beset Europe since the war," the report declared, "the shortage of coal stands out as both the most serious and the most unnecessary."

GAP WIDENING

The Commission estimated that the industrial development plans of the countries participating in the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation (OEEC) implied an increase in annual coal consumption of 80,000,000 metric tons by 1956. In the same period, the Commission forecast, Western Europe's annual coal

production would increase by only 60,000,000 metric tons, leaving an additional gap of 20,000,000 tons.

If, as appears possible, Poland cuts off her coal shipments to Western Europe, a further 10,000,000 tons would have to be found from outside Europe, thus leaving the OEEC countries with an annual coal deficit 30,000,000 metric tons greater in 1956 than in 1951.

"In the worst case," the Commission said, "this would imply imports from the United States of over 50,000,000 tons in 1956."

If these imports were organised on a permanent, long-term basis and were transported mainly in European ships, their dollar cost might be reduced by some 50 per cent of the present level to an average of \$12 per ton. The drain on European dollar resources through coal imports would thus total some \$600,000,000 per year and would fall most heavily on those European countries which have no coal production of their own.—Reuters

MILITARY  
TRAINING  
WARNING

Washington, Feb. 24.  
The Senate Armed Services Committee warned that UMT (Universal military training) trainees may have to be called up for 18 months of active service unless the armed forces can be cut.

This contradicts an amendment inserted in the UMT bill by the House Armed Services Committee in an effort to get the measures passed over stiff House opposition. The House group decreed that the UMT graduates cannot be called to active duty from the reserve without a special Act of Congress.

The Senate committee said that it is in question to be settled in an overall reserve bill which it will take up as soon as it deals with the pending military pay increase measures.

Fundamentally, the Senate Committee UMT report, released yesterday, proposed making UMT a prep school for draftees until circumstances allow a cutback in the armed forces so that "UMT" trainees could go into the reserve without active service.

The Senate committee proposed keeping UMT in a compartment apart from the draft and holding its graduates out of selective service.

The Senate report said as many youths as possible should be trained by UMT at 18 and be returned to civil life after the six-month course with a seven and one-half year obligation to the reserves.

Most draft boards are not taking men until they are 21, the report said.—United Press.

BEST-DRESSED  
WOMEN IN U.S.

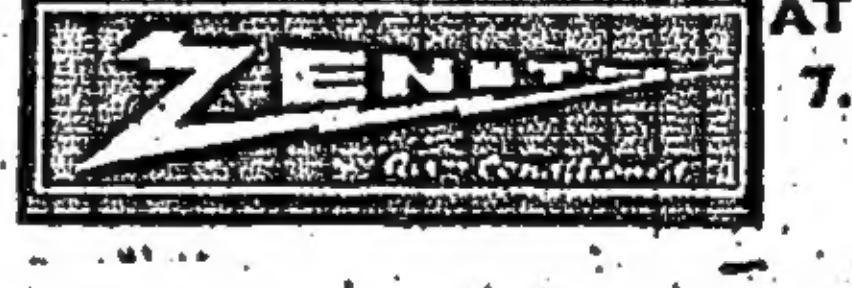
New York, Feb. 24.  
Actresses Ava Gardner and Marlene Dietrich were among the top ten today in the annual Custom Tailors Guild of America selection of the "best" tailored women in America."

Others included television performer Mrs Arthur Murray, assistant Defence Secretary Anne Rosenberg, singer Margaret Whelan and opera singer Jitka Novotna.—United Press.

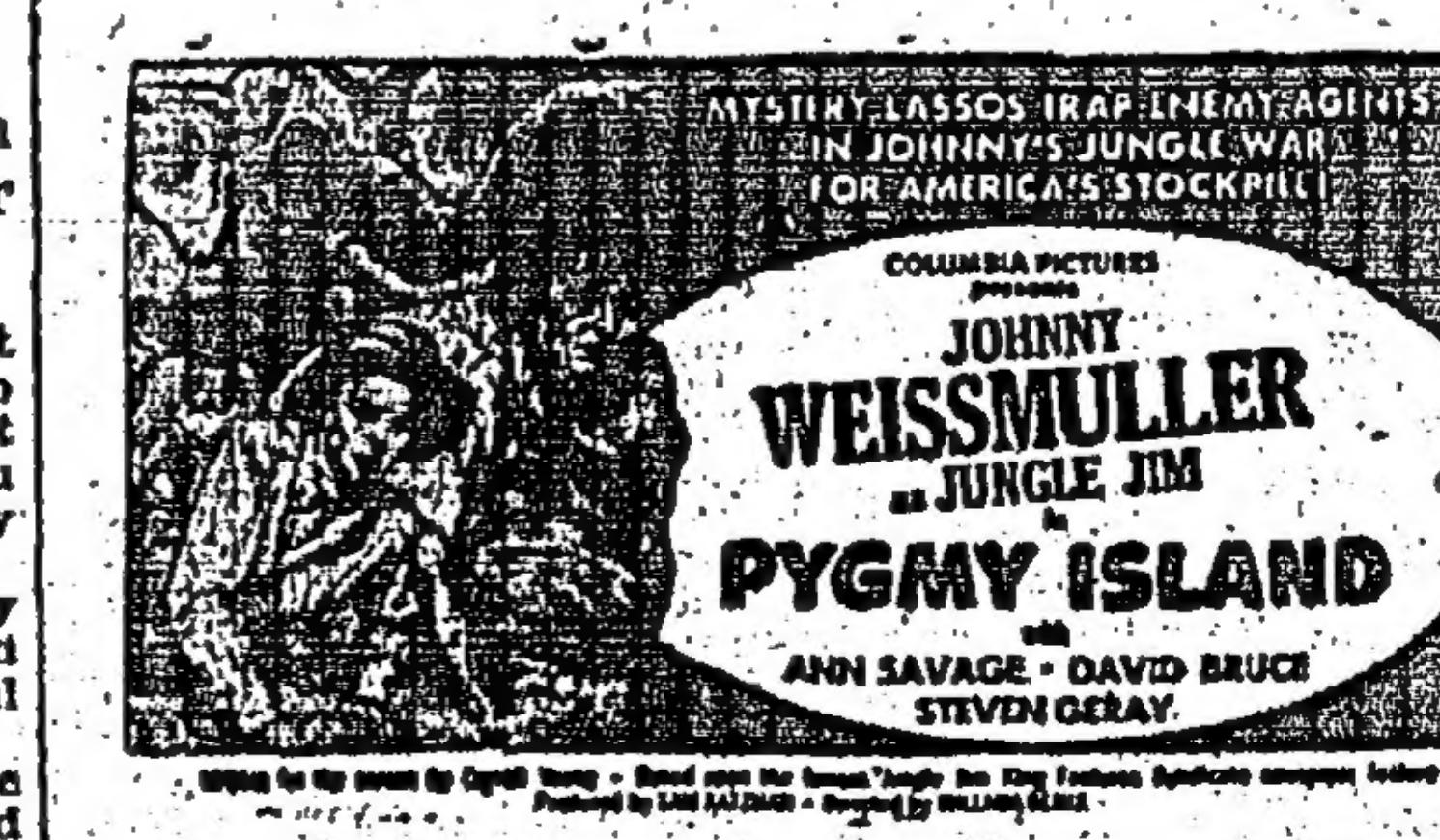
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## Check On Leakage To Reds

### NEW AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED

Washington, Feb. 24. Ten Western European nations have joined with the United States Government in a co-operative move to prevent the transhipment of strategic materials behind the Iron Curtain.

The Secretary of Commerce, Clark Sawyer, announced the agreement today, saying in a statement that it means that goods exported by the US and the 10 countries will "go where they are supposed to go and stay there."

There have been charges in Congress that some foreign countries have been buying strategic materials from the US and then selling them to countries in the Soviet bloc.

Congress has passed legislation denying American aid to any country sending war-potential goods behind the Iron Curtain.

This legislation has allowed exceptions to be made, however, when such trade is in the interest of Western defence, for instance, when it enables a Western country to get valuable strategic materials from the Iron Curtain. The Administration has granted a number of exemptions.

#### CHECKS PROVIDED

Mr Sawyer said that under the new procedure the government of an importing country will certify to the government of the exporting country that the materials involved

(1) will be used in the importing country or

(2) will not be re-exported without official authorisation.

A system of checks to make sure the agreements are lived up to also is provided.

Countries joining the US in the programme are Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Great Britain, Western Germany and the Netherlands.—Associated Press.

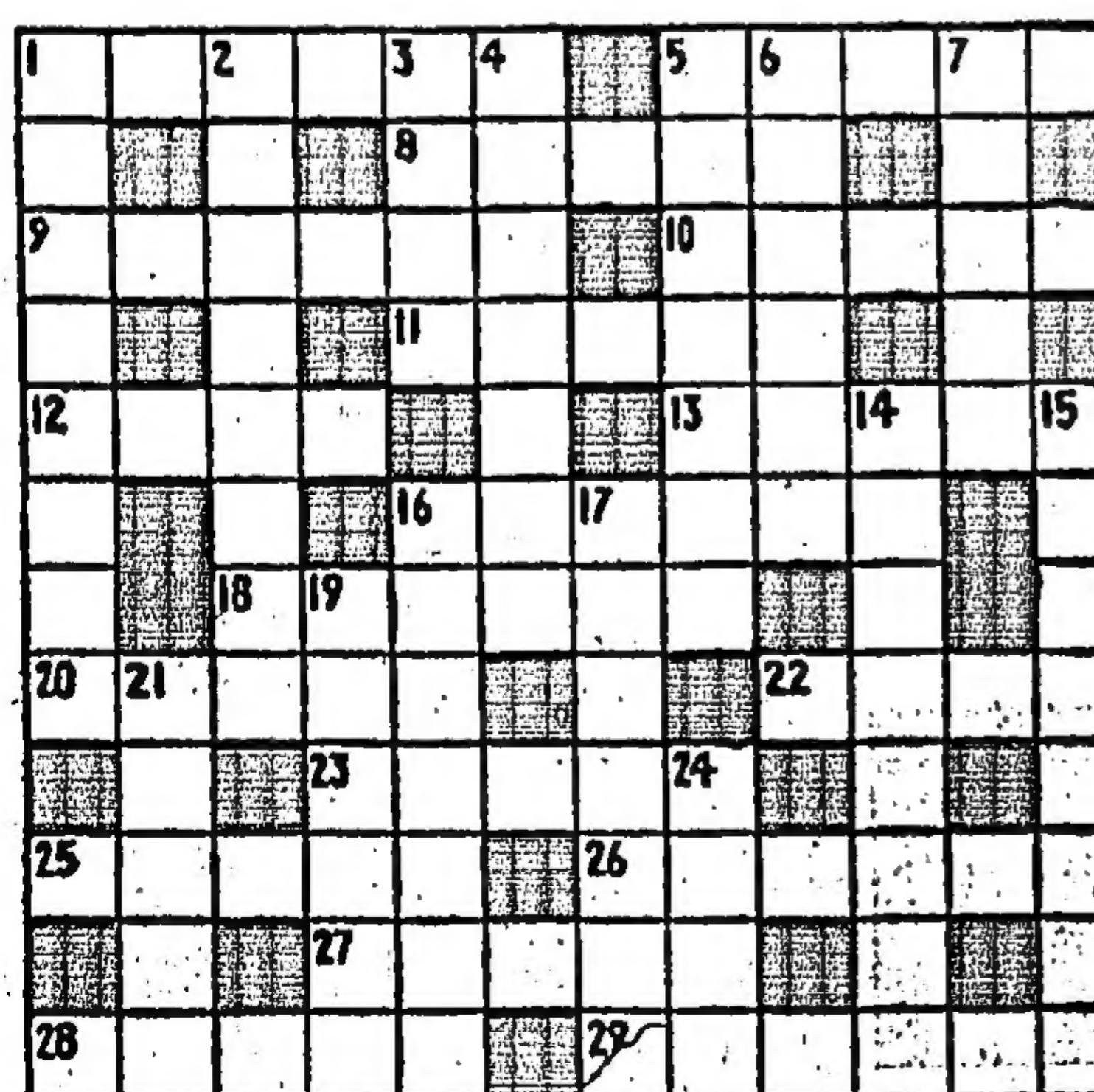
## CLAY PIGEON EXPERT DEAD

Tadworth, Feb. 24. Major Harry Northover, whose death has taken place at Tadworth, Surrey, was at one time the sole maker of clay pigeons in England and during the war supplied 40,000,000 to the Services for sharp-shooting training.

They were produced at his Dunstable factory at the rate of 1,250,000 a month on machines of his own design with an output of 050 an hour.

In the 1914-18 war Major Northover started the first clay pigeon shooting school for all gunners in France. He was the inventor of the Northover projector.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 1. Narrative poem (6).
- 2. Nomads (5).
- 3. Rhythm (5).
- 4. Resound (6).
- 5. Lukewarm (6).
- 6. Salm (5).
- 7. Son (4).
- 8. Slaves (6).
- 9. Period (6).
- 10. Flavour (6).
- 11. Hatch (6).
- 12. Norwegian historic story (4).
- 13. Monasteries (4).
- 14. Implement (8).
- 15. Rebellion (6).
- 16. Went wrong (5).
- 17. Peevish (6).
- 18. Fault (6).

## DEFENCE OF COLONIAL SYSTEM "Still Necessary In Some Parts Of The World"

### 'Times' Replies To Attacks In The General Assembly

London, Feb. 23. The Colonial system is still necessary in some parts of the world, states the Times in its editorial column.

It was reviewing the attitude of the Colonial Powers towards the latest series of attacks against them made by non-colonial countries before the General Assembly of the United Nations in Paris.

And it adds: "Anyone who doubts this should read the reports of the technical bodies of the United Nations."

### BAD TASTE OFFENDS FLORENCE

Florence, Feb. 24. Thousands of Florentines demonstrated today against architectural bad taste in the reconstruction of their historic war-damaged city.

An Action League of Artists and Writers led a protest procession through the streets waving banners bearing such slogans as "Florence, we could not save you from destruction, but we will save you from reconstruction."

The crowd whistled and jeered outside what they consider the main eyesore of the city—a modern-style building alongside the famed 14th Century Ponte Vecchio, which alone of the city's six bridges survived the war unscathed.

The demonstrators earlier charged at a public meeting that:

Gardens were being sacrificed to new building schemes.

"Hideous" constructions were being put beside exquisite masterpieces of medieval architecture. Skyscrapers were sprouting like weeds.

It was proposed to rebuild the famous Porta a Santa Trinita with reinforced concrete.

The toast was "The Soviet and American Armed Forces."

It was understood that General Shetemko most of the evening was cordial in his exchanges with the military guests from the United States Embassy.

The reception was held in the smart Officers' Club in the Red Army House in Moscow. It was attended by a score of marshals, generals and admirals of the Soviet Armed Forces and military attaches from the foreign embassies in Moscow.

Foreign military observers among the guests commented that it was a more elaborate affair than last year, with a concert given by Red Army choirs.—Reuter.

The Times adds that the most important discussions this year were concerned with the hearing of African native delegates.

During the session just ended the various Ewe leaders from Togoland came to Paris and placed their mutually conflicting views before the Trusteeship Committee.

There were also present some Africans from Kenya, and requests to be heard were received from Cyprus, Tunisia and Morocco.

As the granting of such requests from non-trust territories would be a clear breach of the Charter, these received no support.

When the Trusteeship Committee passed a resolution approving the hearing of a Herreria delegation from South-West Africa, the South African Government retaliated by boycotting the trusteeship organs of the United Nations and stating that the Herreros would not be given visas.

#### UN FUNCTIONS

The Times sets out the functions of the United Nations over colonial questions.

In the permanent body, the Trusteeship Council, which is concerned with the administration of trust territories, the discussions are mostly on matters of substance; in the plenary sessions of the General Assembly, and in its attendant body, the Trusteeship Committee, administering Powers are subjected to a more general attack by various blocs of countries who regard all colonies as morally wrong and wish to alter the procedure of the United Nations to give it more control in trusteeship matters than was ever intended in the Charter.

"Nevertheless, the attempt to

secure a hearing for subject peoples in non-trust territories without going through Government channels has not been abandoned," says the Times.

"A vague resolution was passed in the General Assembly asking that inhabitants of colonial territories should be associated in some way with a special committee which receives non-political information from colonial territories.

"In the end, this resolution, those on South-West Africa, and the so-called 'time limit'

resolution calling on administering Powers to set a date when trust territories would achieve self-government were the principal results of this year's Assembly in the field of trusteeship and colonial affairs."—London Express Service.

## Portuguese Call For Iberian Defence System

Lisbon, Feb. 24. The Portuguese Foreign Minister, Dr Paul Cunha, today called for a tripartite pact between the United States, Spain and Portugal to integrate Spain into the Western defence community.

Dr Cunha said in an interview that the defence strategy of the Iberian peninsula was indivisible, therefore Spain should be included in it as early as possible. Without Spain's participation, Portugal—a full member of the 14-nation NATO—functioned as if it were isolated by a wire stretched from the sea to the mainland from her European Allies.

The West must face realities and find the best possible solution and, if Spain's full integration into NATO could not be achieved at present, alternative methods should be applied. He added that Portugal's role in NATO could be strengthened if the present artificial isolation were removed.

Dr Cunha, who formally raised the question of Spain's participation at the opening of the ninth Council session earlier last week, said it was most natural and logical for Spain to be included in NATO.

"Realising the difficulties which at present oppose such a course, other possibilities should be considered to make possible the integration of Spain into the Western defence community in which she automatically belongs. One such way would be the conclusion

of a Mediterranean arrangement to which Spain could be party.

Another solution—which is already under consideration—is that Spain should conclude an accord with the economically and financially most powerful partner of NATO, the United States.

"But the Iberian peninsula is a geographical unit, and therefore any such agreement should also consider the position of Portugal."

"We should therefore have not a bilateral but a tripartite pact which would include the United States, Spain and Portugal and thus secure the effective and important contribution of the entire Iberian peninsula," said Dr. Cunha. He stressed that he was not speaking on behalf of Spain but was just following the logical course of events.

He conceded that any moves in that direction would have to be rather slow and cautious but this should not deter European defence planners seeking a global solution rather than a piecemeal one. "Portugal" at present functions as if she were an island and isolated from every other NATO country.

It is artificial to consider this country as an island."—United Press.

### Zafrullah Khan In Cairo

Cairo, Feb. 24. The Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Zafrullah Khan, arrived here tonight on a four-day official visit as the guest of the Egyptian Government.

He is expected to discuss questions of Middle East defence within Western global strategy with the Egyptian Prime Minister, Aly Maher Pasha, during his stay.

Sir Zafrullah Khan is also to confer with Assam Pasha, Secretary of the Arab League.—Reuter.

## SCANDAL IN BERLIN SCHOOLS

East Berlin parents have demanded that the police clean up the city's night life after school teachers found that their students had established a "love bureau" and were reading vicious literature.

Reporting this today, the East Berlin newspaper, Berliner Zeitung, said that teachers found "countless copies of trashy, vicious literature."

The books, the paper said, ranged "from tearful, sloppy rubbish to filthy eroticism."

"But worse was to follow—the teachers found that the pupils had begun to transport theory into practice. Especially noteworthy was the fact that among those boys and girls—no more than 14 or at the most 18 years old—a 'love bureau' had been established."

"Letters were exchanged according to strict rules," the newspaper said.

"All piled on the table were entrance tickets to expensive West Berlin bars, West Berlin cinemas and dance halls."

Following the search, parents called the people's police and demanded a campaign against the Eastern sector's more disreputable dance cafes. The police reported by asking parents to exercise stricter control over their children's leisure time and reading matter.

Both agreed that the accessibility of "trash" in the Western sector of Berlin was a constant danger to the morals of young East Berliners, the newspaper concluded.—Reuter.

## NAVAL WAR GAMES IN THE MED.

Naples, Feb. 24. High officers of the United States, British, French and Italian navies met here today to plan exercise "Grand Slam," which will test Mediterranean defence in vast manoeuvres between Feb. 26 and March 5.

An Italian Defence Ministry communiqué said that hundreds of ships and planes ranging over more than half the Mediterranean would be the orders of American Admiral Robert B. Carney, Supreme Commander to the South European sector of the Atlantic Pact.

According to the Defence Ministry, the manoeuvres are expected to include:

Bombardment exercises by the four fleets on the western Italian coast under the command of Italian Rear-Admiral Umberto Rouselle,

Large-scale anti-submarine exercises, and

Bombardment of targets on the east Italian coast by carrier and land-based planes of the four powers.

The British Home and Mediterranean Fleets will take part, forming the bulk of the "Grand Slam" forces with the American Sixth Fleet.—Reuter.

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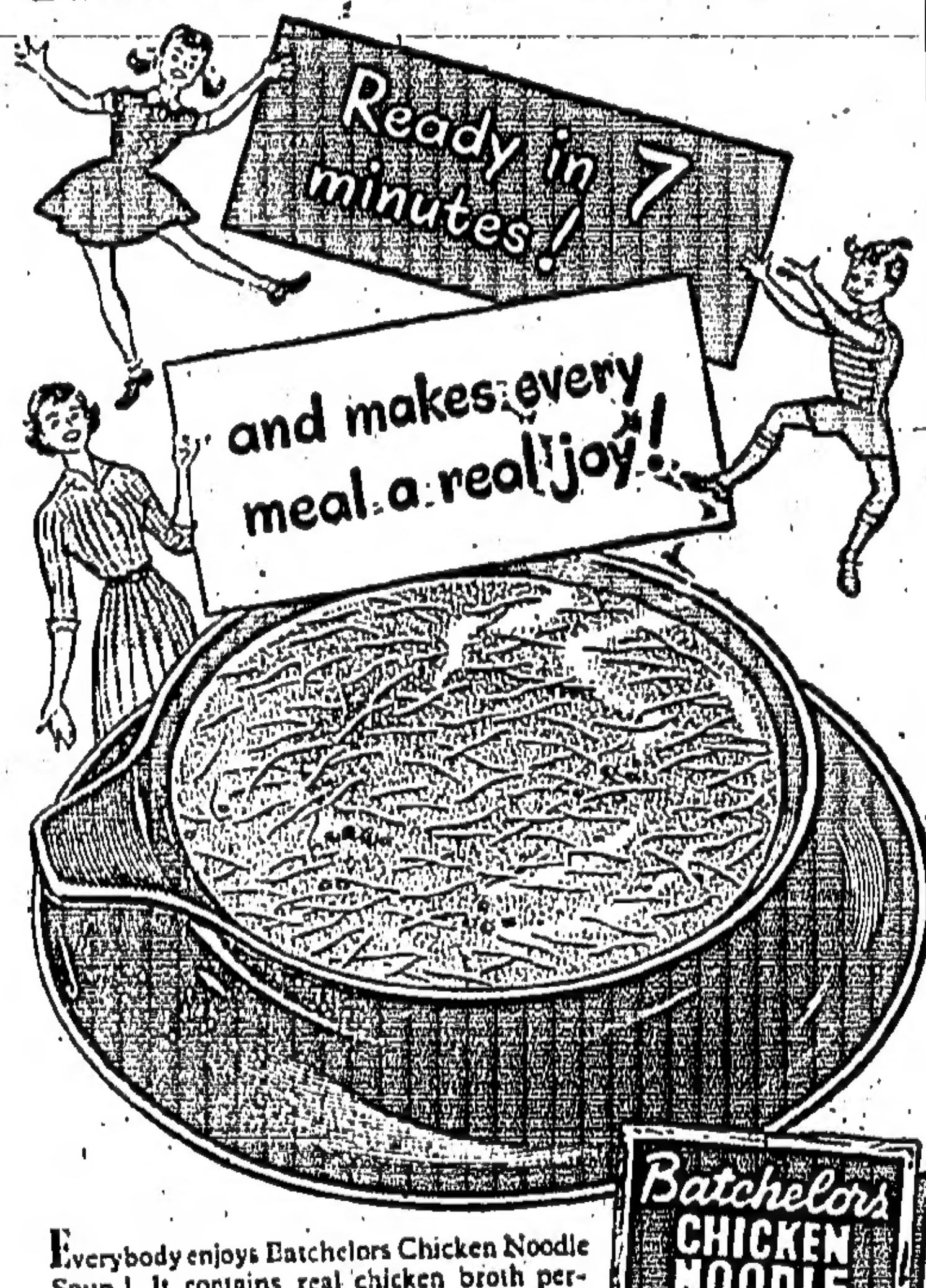
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Study the pattern under the first Elizabeth. Her subjects took to the seas, with her active

encouragement. Today the same opportunities lie before us in the skies, and particularly in the Empire skies.

Take Canada. Incalculable riches lie beneath the snows of her vast northern territories, where natural barriers impede the progress of surface transport. But aeroplanes know no barriers. Already they are busy above that sub-Arctic El Dorado.

Using delicate electronic instruments they plot the contours of mineral layers. They carry men, machinery, and supplies to outlying camps and bring the merchandise back to the cities of the south.

## It's exciting...

I will give you the name of one man who has seen the vision. He is Sir Roy Dobson, the hard-headed Yorkshireman who rose to be managing director of A. V. Roe, one of Britain's greatest aeroplane firms.

After the war he went to Toronto, and there, on the fringe of the northern territories he planted an offshoot of the parent firm, to produce planes and engines for the Empire.

As in Canada, so in Africa and Australia. British possessions in

Africa could alone supply the world with coal for centuries to come. In Australia vast prairies await the cattle and crops which could feed the Empire.

When the skies above these lands burn with the coming and going of merchant planes, humping men and supplies over the wastes and bringing down the beef and the minerals, Britain will be great again.

There is another man who has grasped these opportunities. He is Sir Geoffrey de Havilland, whose family firm has branches established in South Africa and Australia.

But Sir Geoffrey, like Sir Roy, can do no more than provide the opportunity for others. They must wait for an upsurge of spirit and enthusiasm before their dreams come true.

Then aeroplane factories all over the Empire will buzz with activity, as the shipyards around our coasts buzzed 400 years ago.

Young men with flying in their hearts will have opportunity unlimited to do and dare as air merchants or as air warriors—either or both, as occasion demands.

These are the men it is hard to name. They are among us, these New Elizabethans, but

What an Age to grow up in!

## It's wonderful

LAST September, at Farnborough Airfield, thousands of startled spectators saw a swept-wing bullet flash past a few feet from the ground. A moment later they heard a whoosh and a crack. That was test pilot Neville Duke taking Britain's new fighter through the sound barrier—and just in front of their noses.

There is a man with the spirit for the times—a man to put alongside Cunningham. What men to have among us, what a time to be young!

What an Age to grow up in!

REDS PLANNED TWO OFFENSIVES  
IN KOREA WHILE TALKING PEACE

By Noel Monks

DOCUMENTS captured on dead Chinese soldiers within the last six months have shown that on two occasions since truce talks started the Communists have been about to launch a full scale offensive against United Nations forces in Korea.

On both occasions, Seoul, the capital, was to be the first objective—"at all costs the capital must be taken," were the orders.

The first attack was planned for last September, two months after the cease-fire talks began in Kaesong on July 10. The second was timed for November—the now famous Gun-powder Plot—but the gallant

reaction of British Commonwealth troops threw this off balance right at the start, and it never really got going.

The September attack, of which our Intelligence learned in every detail, was brilliantly planned by Communist General Nam II but had to be called off within a few days of the jump-off time September 25, because of the devastating effect of United Nations air attacks on supply centres.

On both occasions, the UN forces were alerted to expect "everything." They are still expecting.

It can be revealed now that first news of the September attack came from documents found on a dead Chinese officer.

"He had taken with him on patrol just about everything," the war is really on, in a big way," an Air Force general told me.

No senior officer in the United Nations Command, from General Ridgway down, thinks that the Russians will support the Chinese to the extent of providing full air power.

Not unless they are ready for World War Three.

The American Far East Air Force command is adamant on this: "The moment the Reds

"No soldier must turn back," the orders read, "and there must be no complaining by Communist forces when they get caught in our own shell fire—complaining is bad for morale. In such close fighting it is not always possible to distinguish between our own or the enemy's shells. No call for help will be answered. Every man must be prepared to go to his death."

That the Chinese were prepared to make this all-out attack while the talks were still in session convinced UN commanders that "no holds were barred" in Korea.

The November attack was directed solely at the British positions. We were prepared for it, and our troops held firm. A breakthrough of any magnitude would have been exploited by the

Communists can't use their air bases in North Korea because of the constant pounding by our bombers which keeps them unserviceable.

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Nothing will coax the

MIC pilots anywhere near our lines.

Our pilots have tried all sorts of tricks but the MIC pilots always break off when there's danger of them getting near our lines.

Those guys have got guilty consciences," one American Air Force general remarked.

And so is the Eighth Army.

MYSTERY OF  
THE ROMANIES

By J. W. Taylor

LONDON. In doubt. It was said to be somewhere around the eastern Mediterranean, between Greece and Armenia. Earlier the word "gipsy" or "gypsy" was spelled "gipsyan," standing for Egyptian. Certain traits in the gypsies, however, point to the greater likelihood of their being originated in India, with possibly the northwest as their first home. Everywhere the gypsies have funeral rites resembling those of the Hebrews. One theory is that Alexander the Great's invasion drove them from India and that they eventually came under Greek influence, in many instances today the gypsies counts in Greek numerals.

Not Welcomed

Other authorities maintain that the gypsies did not migrate from India B.C. but moved to the northwest until about 800 A.D. when they began a dispersion spreading them all over Western Asia, Europe and finally America. As today, they pilled their trades as smiths, horse dealers and metal workers, and achieved fame as soothsayers, dancers and musicians.

## World Mystery

From time immemorial, the gypsies have been one of the world's mysteries. It has not been possible to establish for certain where the gypsy race originated. They just appeared on the scene and moved from place to place. One early account of their arrival in Europe, dated Sunday, August 17, 1427, reads: "There arrived a duke, a count and ten knights, all gaudily dressed and mounted on horseback. They said they were good Christians from Little Egypt." They departed as mysteriously as they had arrived.

Always the world's vagrant race, wandering from country to country without a settled home, the gypsies were formerly looked upon as people who possessed magical and occult powers, and were often said to be in league with the devil.

An Egyptian origin has long been ascribed to the gypsies, and this belief was strengthened by the strange tales which they spread about themselves. They claimed to have come from a mythical country of their own called "Little Egypt," whose geographical position was much

and proving difficult to solve.

The question of airfields might well be the straw that breaks the back of the marathon peace talks at Panmunjom. There has been criticism of the UN command delegates "holding out" for this point in the face of Communist promises not to bring any more aircraft into Korea during the armistice. Whole squadrons of aircraft could be flown to North Korean airfields in a matter of minutes, providing the airfields were serviceable, so that the Red promise has no realistic meaning.

There is room for adjustment on the question of repatriation of prisoners of war, the other of the two "deadlocked" questions.

The United Nations Command

states that the Panmunjom talks are to do with a military armistice, not a political one. For the UN to give up its undoubted air superiority just because the Communists ask it would be a farcical gesture, UN commanders believe.

The Chinese can still mount an offensive, aimed at taking Seoul, as a bargaining point, but it is considered unlikely they will do so now. For our troops, the present is not a happy time. There is considerable boredom and very unpleasant conditions.

That morale in the Eighth Army is at a very high pitch is due to General Van Fleet's great leadership.

Since he came to Korea nearly a year ago, Van Fleet has not left it once. He hasn't even been to Tokyo. He has given himself entirely to his big job—one reason why his army is such a splendid one.

He is convinced that he can meet any Chinese attack, that he can break it, and drive the Chinese as far as he is permitted to. He is completely detached from the trials, taking little interest in them. "My job is holding the line," he says.

Our line is well held. So well held that only a catastrophe could break it now. If there is such a thing as a Chinese Spring offensive, General Van Fleet is confident of the outcome.

And so is the Eighth Army.

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# CNAAF FORCE GOVERNOR'S CUP SOCCER SERIES TO THIRD MATCH

By "SPIV"

The Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation forced the Governor's Cup series to a third match, when they defeated the Hongkong Football Association XI yesterday in the return encounter by three goals to two.

Ho Ying-fun's winning goal for the CNAAF yesterday, barely 10 minutes from the end, was worth roughly \$22,000, to the HKFA and the CNAAF who will share the takings of the third match.

Although they had more than three-quarters of the play, the CNAAF only just managed to win. Their approach work to the HKFA goalmouth and combination left little to be desired, but inability to give their pretty movements the finishing touch reduced the 20 or so scoring chances that came their way to only three goals.

The HKFA made only about 10 raids on the CNAAF goal during the whole match, when for the major period was a tussle between the CNAAF forwards and the gallant HKFA defence, but their dashing direct methods brought them two goals from these raids.

The HKFA made three changes from their originally selected team, Crookes taking over the goalkeeper's position in place of Bourton, Pickering substituting for Jones at right-wing and Wilson for McLean at centre-forward.

The CNAAF XI field one change, King Lok-sang was given the inside-left berth and Chu Wing-keung went over to the left-wing in the place of Mok Chun-wah who was unable to make the match.

Once again the HKFA defence stood out prominently in the 90-minute match, which produced some good, clean and exciting soccer. Crookes at goal made two very good saves and could not be blamed for the three shots which went past him. —

Tennuci was the mainstay of the defence and in addition to being almost impasseable with the high shots, showed an excellent judgment in tackling the CNAAF forwards just when they were about to come within shooting range. Etheridge held the Chinese left flank well, but Kirkland had a little difficulty in holding the fast diminutive Ho Ying-sun.

Both Santos and Toledo played a conspicuously good spelling

game throughout, time and again showing good anticipation in their interception of the Chinese short passes.

In the forward line, Porecia and Bray were always dangerous with their speed, and particularly against a Chinese defence that was playing an attacking game yesterday. Wilson, the first and the second goal, for the HKFA scored by him, though conceded by a great number of the crowd to be the result of a slightly too-robust tactic by him, was still subjected to the HKFA defence to a gruelling time.

The Chinese defence had little to do until towards the end of the game, and with their forwards having most of the game, were inclined to take things easily, being caught napping frequently with the through passes. Both Tang Sun and Tong Sheung played their usual steady game at the wing-half berths. Hsu King-sing figured well in the tackling but was handicapped by his weight when it came to the through pass or after being passed. An inclination for him to play slightly too far up gave the Chinese defence some anxious moments.

## THE PLAY:

For the first 10 minutes, the CNAAF forwards made repeated raids but failed to score.

HKFA then got away and Bray tested Cheong with an acute angle shot.

Over the other end, the Chinese were putting on the pressure again and within a matter of minutes, Szeto Man, Lee Tai-fai and Ho Ying-fan sent the ball wide of its mark in an endeavour to find an opening, but to no avail.

In the 30th minute Bray missed a good chance to score. Toledo sent Wilson away with a perfect pass and, drawing the defence to him, the latter slipped the ball past Hsu King-sing to Bray who was unopposed. This clever bit of scheming resulted in Bray racing away with the defence at his heels, but from about five yards, with only the goalkeeper in his path he ballooned the ball over the crossbar.

Wilson came into the limelight again in the 37th minute when he made another clever move which resulted in HKFA opening the score. From a pass by Santos, Wilson drew the defence to him and sent Pereira away. Making a solo run down the field, Pereira made no mistake with a hard rising shot.

Just before the interval, Lee Tai-fai hit the crossbar with a hard drive. From the rebound, a melee followed which resulted in Szeto Man finding the back of the net with header to put his team on equal footing.

Soon after the interval, Lee Tai-fai beat Crookes with a fast ground to put CNAF into the lead.

In the 10th minute, Wilson put his team on equal terms again with a terrific acute angle drive.

With about 10 minutes more of play, Ho Ying-fan dashed all hopes of the HKFA when he scored with a lightning-like first-timer from a pass by Szeto Man.

The HKFA made strenuous efforts in the closing stages to equalise, but a resolute Chinese defence managed to hold them at bay.

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# Keen Finish Promised For First Division Cricket Title

KCC's defeat on Saturday and the RAF's win against Navy yesterday have placed the airmen — on paper at any rate — in a good position in the struggle for the first Division cricket championship.

The KCC have 48 points from 16 matches and the RAF 37 points from 12 games. Should the Kai Tak eleven win the four matches they are now in arrears they will go to the top of the table with a five point margin.

Army "A" can also go ahead of the KCC if they win in four games they have in hand.

Here is the present position at the head of the league table:

	W	D	L	Pts
KCC	10	11	4	148
RAF	12	9	3	237
Army "A"	12	8	4	233

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By Reg. Wootton

## Final Lap For The Torch



A torchbearer carrying the Olympic Torch, arriving at the stadium at Oslo for the opening ceremony. (Central Press).

## P.I. TENNIS Mottram Setting The Pace

Manila, Feb. 25. The British Davis Cup player, Tony Mottram, and his wife Joy, won their respective singles matches on Sunday and teamed up to win a mixed double assignment as the favourites advanced to the quarter-finals in the National tennis tournament.

Mottram defeated Pablo Siu, 6-3, 6-0 and advanced to the quarter-finals in the men's singles together with the national champion, Felicissimo Ampon, and other seeded Filipino players.

Mrs. Joy Mottram eliminated Miss Julia Fox, 6-0, 6-1 and then the Mottrams teamed up to whip the mixed doubles combination of Miss Lourdes Vilandre and Ruben Escobal, 6-2, 6-2.

Miss Liu Shang-kou of Taipei also advanced to the ladies' singles quarter-finals with a 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Mrs. M. L. Ang.

Tai-pao's combination of Miss Liu Shang-kou and Su Meng-jan defeated Miss Virginia Mata and Cesia Carmona in the day's big mixed doubles contest.

Three ranking Filipino players, Desiderio Ampon, Estrella Alburu and Mundu Ochoa Moldero easily advanced to the singles quarter-finals, winning their matches in straight sets. (United Press).

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By Order,  
H. MSA,  
Secretary

## Cambridge Wins Hockey Match

Beckenham, Feb. 23. Cambridge University beat Oxford University by six goals to three in their annual hockey match here today. Cambridge led 3-1 at half-time. —Reuter.

## LOCAL RESULTS

The following are the results of League hockey matches played yesterday:

Men's 1st Division.—RAF 0

Argonauts "A" 0; Navy 2 Police

0

Ladies' League.—KGV "A" 5

Dorlans 3; Little Flowers 4

Tang 0; Hazare 1; Recrelo 3 KGV "B" 1.

## Swimming Record Beaten

Colombus, Ohio, Feb. 24.

The world swimming record for 100 yards free-style was officially beaten here today when Dick Cleveland who has already unbrokenly beaten the same record, swam the distance in 40.2 seconds.

The official world record stands at 49.7 seconds. —Franco-Presse.

An application form has been posted to every Member. In the event of non-delivery further forms may be obtained at the Club's Office, 1st Floor, Telephone House.

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## Japan Planning To Encourage Foreign Capital

Tokyo, Feb. 24. Plans are under way to change Japanese law so that foreign investors will be encouraged to bring capital into Japan, says the Finance Minister, Hayato Ikeda.

"The Japanese Government is at present making a study of amendments to the foreign investment law for submission to the current session of the national Diet," Mr. Ikeda adds.

Mr. Ikeda outlined the plans and to about 500 American and Japanese businessmen attending a joint meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan and the Federation of Economic Organisations.

Mr. Ikeda said one amendment under consideration was to allow investors to withdraw their capital principal after a period of about three years.

The Japanese Government, he continued, had allocated \$20,000.

## NEWSPRINT OUTPUT IN CANADA

New York, Feb. 24. Mr. R. M. Fowler, President of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, said today that new investment in pulp and paper mills and facilities in Canada would exceed \$800,000,000 between 1950 and 1951.

This would bring the capital value of the Canadian industry to about \$1,750,000,000, compared with \$750,000,000 in 1945.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the American Pulp and Paper Association, he said that about half Canada's total pulp tonnage goes into newsprint.

A recent survey showed that an increase of 1,750,000 tons in newsprint capacity could be undertaken if demand is great enough and economic considerations would justify it between 1950 and 1950.

"I think this survey shows conclusively that if the U.S. and other countries throughout the world wish to use more newsprint, and if they choose and are able to buy it from Canada, they will in due course be able to obtain it."

In 1951 the United States produced nearly 10,500,000 tons of pulp and consumed nearly 13,500,000 tons.—United Press.

## Strong Rally In Cotton

New York, Feb. 22. Cotton futures made a strong comeback after a shaky start in a holiday-shortened trading period. At Thursday's close, the list ruled 21 to 78 points or \$1.05 to \$3.00 a bale higher than the preceding week.

The latest strength was centered mainly in March delivery, where scarce shorts moved to cover before the first notice day on Monday. "Mill price fixing" was another factor in spot month, with uneasiness among shorts increasing in the face of limited offerings in the spot month.

Open contracts in March delivery, near the close of the week, approximated 300,000 bales. Certificated stocks totalled 36,000 bales. Traders expected heavy initial tenders, possibly up to 10,000 bales, but they were expected to be prompt to stop. — United Press.

## UGANDA LOAN'S SUCCESS Sets An Example To The Other Colonies

## Borrowers Must Provide Attractive Terms

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Feb. 24. The announcement that last week's Uganda Loan issue was at least ten times over-subscribed must have been received with mixed feelings by those colonies awaiting their turn to enter the London market for development loans.

It proved on one hand that funds are still available for this kind of investment and on the other that borrowers must expect to pay dearly if they hope to induce investors to part with them. Like the Southern Rhodesian issue, which preceded it by a fortnight, the Uganda Loan struck a new note in market terms. Four million pounds of 3½ per cent stock dated 1966-69 was offered at the price of 89.

These terms compared favourably with those of the Southern Rhodesian Loan—a 4½ per cent stock, redeemable in 1977-82, at 99—and scored an even greater success with investors.

Main attraction of the Uganda Loan appears to have been the unusually large discount at which it was offered. It is many years since the gilt-edged market has been offered a trustee stock at discount of 11 points.

While one sympathises with the dealers' point of view it must be admitted that the Americans have undoubtedly received shipments of rubber which have proved an examination to be well below the stipulated qualities.

One such shipment was reported to have been valued at 22 cents a lb below the contract price, which indicates that it was several grades lower than the specification.

THE SERIOUS EFFECT Whatever the merits or demerits of this situation may be there can be no argument about the effect of the fall in the price of rubber on the Sterling Area finances.

Last year Malaya earned £401 million from its rubber exports, £200 million of which was paid in dollars. This year, however, the dollar income from rubber is likely to be substantially less than this figure.

Now that the United States stockpile of natural rubber is known to be near completion nothing short of resumption of American private purchases, coupled with greater freedom in the use of natural rubber as against synthetic, will prevent a heavy loss of Sterling Area dollar income from this valuable source.

Rubber is the Sterling Area's biggest dollar earner and any appreciable drop in its price is therefore immediately reflected in the sterling-dollar payments position.

Even if the price fell no further, the decline which has already occurred would mean the loss of about one-third of our dollar income from rubber as compared with 1951.

Fortunately, however, the U.S. is expected shortly to set a definite date for the withdrawal of the official buyer and to announce a 10 per cent increase in the permitted level of natural rubber consumption.

American private buyers are expected to be allowed to re-enter the market next month or in April to make purchases for shipment in May or June.

## Demand For Removal Of Price Curbs

Washington, Feb. 24. A demand to Congress to remove the price ceilings from crude petroleum highlighted Washington developments vital to the oil world.

The demand was made by Russell Brown, General Counsel of the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

It bade fair to find receptive ears in the legislative halls, where President Truman's latest request for strong wage-price controls is unpopular.

Mr. Brown pointed out, in a report to the I.P.A.A. President, Mr. Charles Lyons, in New York, that there has been no increase in crude prices since Dec. 5, 1947, despite rising production costs.

He warned that if the huge oil expansion programme wanted by both the industry and Government is to be carried out, some realistic method of pricing must be substituted for the ceiling.—United Press.

## Thai Approach To World Bank

Bangkok, Feb. 24. Thailand has approached the World Bank with a view to increasing the official exchange rate of the Thai baht and raising it on the international money market, it was revealed by the Minister of Finance, Major-General Phra Bounphak Yulhukit.

The Minister noted that Thai banknotes now in circulation are backed 94 per cent by foreign currency and gold holdings.

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4. To open the way for foreign currency remittance of the interest accrued from or the principal invested in bonyfide certificates issued by the United States.

Open contracts in March delivery, near the close of the week, approximated 300,000 bales. Certificated stocks totalled 36,000 bales. Traders expected heavy initial tenders, possibly up to 10,000 bales, but they were expected to be prompt to stop. — United Press.

## ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

## SAILINGS

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## No Progress In Sino-Japanese Peace Negotiations

Taipei, Feb. 25. Foreign Minister Mr George Yeh today told the United Press that no progress has been made in the Sino-Japanese peace negotiations.

At the same time, the chief Chinese negotiator said although there are indications of stumbling blocks along the path to a successful conclusion of the negotiations, it is still far too early to predict that a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached eventually.

## DOES NOT WANT MEDIATORS

Maher Pasha And Dispute With UK

Cairo, Feb. 24.

Premier Aly Maher Pasha was quoted today as saying Egypt intends to negotiate with Britain over the disputed Suez Canal and the Sudan without help of mediators — unless "some difficulties" arise.

The independent newspaper Al Ahram published the Premier's answer to questions whether Egypt would consider accepting offers of good offices by Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan.

"We shall take care of our interests ourselves," was Maher Pasha's reply. "Although if some difficulties arise — we might consider consulting with countries which have offered their good offices."

His talk with British Ambassador Sir Ralph Stevenson are expected to start this week. Al Ahram said the meeting would start on Tuesday. The newspaper Al Misri said it could be on Thursday.

On Saturday the Egyptian State Radio reported the Premier hoped to begin talks at the end of the "current week". The Egyptian week begins on Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, and ends on Thursday.

**NO APPOINTMENT**  
A spokesman for the British Embassy said today that "so far as we are concerned, there is no appointment" for Sir Ralph to confer with Maher Pasha. This spokesman emphasised that the Premier will have to make the decision on when to talk with the Ambassador, adding: "We are ready."

Meanwhile, Interior Minister Ahmed Morlada El Maragh said conditions in the Suez Canal zone were returning to normal and that the British had lifted all restrictions on daytime traffic through the zone.

"We are facing the situation with sincerity and courage," the Premier was quoted as saying today. "We have our rights and we shall demand satisfaction of our rights in order to realise our country's aspirations."

An atmosphere of calm-weather surrounds the coming resumption of talks between the two nations, whose dispute flared into bloody violence ending in hundreds of deaths since Egypt scrapped its treaties with Britain last October. But Maher Pasha, who took over the government from the more Nationalist Wafdist Party following the climactic Cairo torch riots of January 26, says his government will settle for nothing less than evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal zone and full Egyptian sovereignty over the now jointly controlled Sudan.

Associated Press.

## Unlicensed Driver Fined

For driving a motor cycle without a licence and without due care and attention, and taking the motor cycle without the owner's consent, Lai Shui, 24, was fined \$250 or five weeks by Mr Oswald Cheung at Kowloon this morning.

Inspector Dewar said defendant was driving the motor cycle in Tai Po Road near the six-and-a-half milestone yesterday, with the Commissioner of Police's car behind him, when he was seen to collide with the rear wheel of another motor cycle.

Stopped and questioned, he admitted that he took the motor cycle from his elder brother without the latter's consent.

## French Taxes To Go Up

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stocks of hard currency are low and getting lower.

It was not clear how much help would come from the United States promise to make \$100,000,000 immediately available.

An announcement of new measures for cutting imports and increasing exports is expected.

A more immediate threat to the life of Faure's five-week-old Cabinet is the debate that resumes in the National Assembly today on the nationwide "escalator clause" to hitch wages to rising prices.

Faure's own Radical Socialist Party opposes the whole idea and other Rightwing groups in Parliament also are threatening to desert the government on the issue. An "advisory" vote could force him out of office. Associated Press.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Half Hour (Summary); 6.02, Elizabeth's Ann (Summary); 6.30, Foreign News (Summary); 6.30, Time Signal, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.35, Times More—Contemporary Programs; 7.45, Weather Report; 7.45, Sheridan, B. (Studio); 7.45, Artist of the Week—Zeez Network (Cello); 7.45, Weather Report; 8.15, Right Wing Broadcast; 8.15, Alike Broadcast by Sally Sedawick (Studio); 9.00, The Bing Crosby Show (VOA); 9.30, Tellers of Tales (IBCTCS); 9.45, Music Box Review; 10.00, Music Box Review; 10.30, The Voice in the Night; Michael Jones reads his own short story, "The Fury"; 10.30, Concerto No. 2 in F Minor (Chopin); 10.30, The National Symphony and the Philharmonic Orch. cond. by Paul Kletzki; 10.30, Chanson Francaise; 10.45, Dancing time with the London Dance Band; 10.45, Radio News (Recorded Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Weather Report; God Save the Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

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## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The Russians must have you mechanics and your repair charges in mind when they call America a capitalistic country!"

## Stage Club's Sparkling Satire

Living Language  
Why we say Up the pole.

A sparkling satire fairly bristling with stinging thrusts is the Stage Club's latest choice, "Castle in the Air" and vehicle for one of the most stimulating performances to appear on the Fleet Club's stage for a considerable time.

If one can recall the aches and pains of '49, one can laugh now all the louder as they become again the subject of a wit which, unlike its subject, is anything but tarnished. And the cast do it full justice—they shine as brightly as the wit.

The small cast of five should contain two of the broadest Scotsmen North of the Border—the Earl of Locharne and Menzies. Well, "Mengies" who loyally imposed upon himself the fitfully paid duties of general factotum, is as Scottish as the name Graham McCallum implies, and amble through his part with the relish that is good to watch. True to what is now nearly the tradition of castles—"they only keep them up for Americans to rent"—comes the American who has claims to the Locharne dynasty, Christobel Wheatley as the seemingly naive but very much on-her-toes American, does everything well, even the accent.

Phillipa Coombes is "Boss" Trent, and perhaps the best of them all. She puts over a real and very distinct character with just the amount of assurance it deserves.

Donald Castle as Arthur Phillips—cultivates a superbly convincing "code in the dose" just to prove how devastating those long, stone passages can be; but on the other hand this Scottie castle combined with American influence in warm sunny gold, mellows him from a particularly objectionable practical Socialist and industrial psychologist to a very promising Capitalist of the first order.

Neither the playwright nor the cast allow one to be anything but absorbed during the whole time in which they build up this "Castle in the Air"—Sue Dawson.

## FAILED TO JOIN HIS SHIP

Charged with wilfully and negligently remaining in the Colony after the departure of his ship, Yam Kuen-fuk, alias Ning King-ton, 42, formerly employed aboard the E-Sang as a fireman, was remanded for three days for further inquiries by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning.

Defendant was alleged to have failed to rejoin the E-Sang when she sailed last Saturday.

## Watch Sessions Proceedings

Interested spectators at this morning's Criminal Sessions proceedings were girls from King George V School and Maryknoll Convent and two boys from the Diocesan Boys' School and Queen's College.

## NO LICENCE FOR NINE YEARS

For failing to take out a licence for his 55-seat sampan, Fong Tam-leung, 49, fisherman, was fined \$150 by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning.

Fong, who told the Police that he had his sampan for nine years without getting a licence for it, said he was bringing it to Cheungshawan from Ching Yed Island to sell it when he was intercepted on Sunday.

## INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

The chance that a competitor will "steal" your secret is 7/13, 7/13, 7/13. This can be done in four different ways. There is also the chance that he wins four times in a row, or, of course, it follows that his chance is 7/13, 7/13, 7/13.

It follows that his chance is 7/13, 7/13, 7/13, 7/13, which is slightly better than one chance in 100.

London Express Service

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers:  
1. The moon; 2. Calico; 3. White; 4. Nitroglycerin; 5. Wordsworth; 6. Southey; 7. Coleridge; 8. Cumberland; 9. Sacramento.

# Brutal Murder Of Young Woman Described To Jury

Gruesome details connected with the killing of a young woman on the hillside at Laichikok early in October last year were unfolded by the leading Counsel for the prosecution before Mr Justice Gould in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

On trial was Mak Chan-yuen who pleaded not guilty to the murder of Ng Lin, alias Ng Mei-fan, aged 20. He is defended by Mr Y. K. Mok, on the instructions of Mr K. F. H. Ho.

Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, with whom appeared Mr Patrick S. S. Yu, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution, assisted by Det-Instp. W.B. Stragg of Shamshui Po CID.

In an address which occupied almost 45 minutes, Mr Hooton said that the woman was the sweetheart of the accused and it was the Crown's allegation that he murdered her on the Laichikok hillside on the evening of October 6. It was alleged that the accused put his hands round her neck rendering the woman unconscious. He then tied some tape tightly round her neck and, with a half scissor blade launched a savage attack stabbing her on the head, throat and chest.

The woman Pau told the Police that she had taken Ng Lin in her home as she was in straitened financial circumstances. Before then the dead woman had been employed in a knitting factory in Kowloon but left this employment in June when she was taken ill and went to hospital.

THE ACCUSED LOCATED

"The dead woman was associated with this man," said Mr Hooton, "and the Crown's case is that that man is the man now standing in the dock before you. He had been working in a trademarks factory next door to the knitting factory. They were various persons on the beach at Laichikok Bay."

Some of these people heard something and decided to investigate. Eventually about 200 feet up the hillside they saw the body of a dead woman. They could not recognise her because decomposition had set in.

They reported to the Police who proceeded to the scene accompanied by Dr T. C. Pang, the Police Surgeon, who conducted a preliminary examination of the body thereof.

Mr Hooton said that the accused was eventually located on November 20 living with a clansman on a farm in the New Territories. The Police asked him to go to Shamshui Po Police Station as the Divisional Detective Inspector would like to see him. He agreed and later saw Insp. Stragg who asked him a number of questions and, as a result, the Inspector became suspicious about the man and decided to detain him. Enquiries then proceeded at double-rate, said Counsel.

The following day in the Station, the accused suddenly asked for paper and pen and he sat for two hours and wrote a lengthy document.

Mr Hooton said he would not reveal the contents as Defence Counsel had objected on the ground that the statement had been taken unfairly. But the Crown would strongly oppose this suggestion, said Mr Hooton.

As a result of the statement, Insp. Stragg's suspicions became even stronger and he charged the accused with murder.

THE VITAL EVIDENCE

Meanwhile, several important things were discovered, said Crown Counsel. It was vital evidence.

The Police searched the factory where the accused had worked and found the twin of the scissor blade that had been picked up at the scene of the crime. It appeared that the accused went to another factory about the beginning of October and asked for the loan of a pair of scissars, giving the excuse that he wanted to open a

There would be the evidence of a beach worker who would say that on the evening of October 6 he heard a cry of "Save life" coming from the hillside. There was one cry only, said Mr Hooton, which indicated that there could have been no resistance. The attack must have been very violent.

## BLOOD ON BLADE

Subsequently, some weeks later, the Police made a thorough search in the vicinity of the crime and found a scissor blade, and despite the length of time that had elapsed, there was blood on the weapon sufficient for a positive preliminary test.

The woman's clothing was found to have blood stains and there were marks on them corresponding to the stab wounds.

The woman, being unrecognisable, the Police were faced with a difficult problem. The accused had apparently not left any signs. It was necessary to establish who the accused was.

Enquiries brought to light that the woman had been living with a married woman, named Pau, and had left home at 7:30 p.m. on October 6 and did not return. According to Pau, Ng Lin, had a meal about 7 p.m.

More certainly developed in the Police investigation when Pau identified the clothing but was the one which led to where

the body of the woman was discovered. They were the only two persons observed.

Police Photographer Lau Sang, of the Identification Bureau, gave formal evidence.

The trial is proceeding.

## Man Accused Of Wounding Accountant

A former employee of the Tai King Cheung Restaurant of 32 Wellington Street, Wong Wai, stood trial at the Criminal Sessions this morning on a charge of wounding the Restaurant's accountant with intent to do him grievous bodily harm.

The trial judge is Mr Justice Scholles and the jury comprises two women and five men.

Crown Counsel, Mr D. E. Greenfield (assisted by Det-Instp. E. J. Andrews) is prosecuting.

The Crown case is that sometime after 4 a.m. on November 4 last, the accountant, Li Shiu-woo, alias Li Foo, sleeping in a hut on the restaurant roof where a quantity of dried seafood was stored, was awakened by a noise and saw a man in his hut. He got up and chased the intruder who picked up a heavy chopper and attacked him.

Though he was bleeding from head wounds, the accountant nevertheless struggled with the man until they reached the edge of the roof and, there, the neon lights of the shops below enabled him to recognise the man as a former fellow employee, said Counsel.

His injuries prevented him from detaining the accused any longer and the latter escaped. The accountant found the door of the roof locked. He called for help and later was taken to hospital where he almost died of his injuries. The accused was arrested the following day.

Mr Greenfield told the jury that they had to distinguish between motive and intent. He submitted that while the general motive might have been to escape, the intention of the accused at the moment of striking the blows was to hurt the complainant.

The trial is proceeding.

## Scalper Picks On Detective

Trying to sell three football tickets which he bought at \$2.40 each for the price of \$20 each cost a 21-year-old youth, Wong Lam, \$500 or three months. The reason he tried to sell them to a detective on Saturday afternoon.

When the League match between Sling Tao and Eastern was about to start at Boundary Street, Wong approached the detective and was arrested immediately.

After imposing the fine defendant at Kowloon on this morning, Mr Oswald Cheung remanded another defendant, Leung Ying-kit, 20, until Thursday afternoon when Leung pleaded not guilty to a similar offence.

"Don't talk about her," she is dead,"

Mr Hooton also said that on the evening of October 6, a sampan worker at Laichikok beach was washing his face at the base of the hillside where he saw two people walking up a path. The persons were the accused and the deceased, and said Crown Counsel, the pathway was the one which led to where

We heard an experienced Engineer, "who knew a little about the boat," say that he thought the forecastle of the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steam Ship "Canton" was too heavy and too heavily rigged for her, and that to such circumstances might be ascribed her apparent loss of speed. We never trust ourselves to a positive opinion on a matter with which we are not in a position to form a "competent one; but it would appear that her stout forecastle, and square sails, render good service when running before the wind. On the last passage from Amoy the time taken over the 270 miles was only 23 hours; pretty good work for a vessel that a temporary some months ago chronicled "A WRECK".

**SHIP DEPARTS**  
Her Majesty's Ship "Hastings" left this port on Wednesday last, voyaging to England by the way of Maukrin. Our Citizens have reason to be thankful that a Man of War with such a refractory crew has finally left our shores; but her departure gives cause for apprehension; for Victoria Harbour, at a time when most needed, is now without a British pennant; and if a piratical squadron should venture upon making a dash at us, we must look for help to the "Susquehanna" and "Sarat